laud, by being cast out from the family, the cure is to be found in restoring them to the privilege of the family ordinance. It will be found, too, that every effectual means of reclaiming the abandoned and the outcast must contain within it a method of bringing the parties anew under the power of those supports which Providence affords to the continuance in virtue. It may be doubted, whether the attempts at present made to elevate the abandoned in the crowded lanes of our large towns can be successful, as a national measure, till the very crowding of human beings is abandoned as a system contrary to nature, and until the population are spread out in communities in which the aids to virtue may again come into force. The evils which extended manufactures have brought along with them., must be remedied by the wealth which these manufactures have furnished being taxed to bring about the natural system which they have deranged. In order to secure the co-operation of Providence we must adopt the system of Providence, and place the parties under its influence. Without this, all mere secular means will be found utterly useless in elevating human character to a higher level. Human wisdom is in its highest exercise when it is observing the superiority of Divine wisdom, and following its method of procedure.

SECT. IV.—STATE OF SOCIETY WHEN THE AIDS TO VIRTUE AND THE RESTRAINTS UPON VICE ABE WITHDRAWN.

We have been pointing out some of the embankments by which the turbulent stream of human life is kept in its course, some of the rocky barriers by which the waves of this ever-agitated sea are restrained while they lash upon them. Just as the native power of the stream is seen when the embank-ments are swept away, and the irresistible strength of the ocean when its opposing barriers are broken

down, so there are times and places in which the usual supports of virtue and correctives of vice are removed, and we behold the true tendency of inward humanity. The character of the prisoner is discovered when the keepers are absent. We see the true dispositions of the children at those corners at which the master's eye is not upoa them.

Let us examine the workings of human nature, when those